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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a 2 changes out of 3 basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10-percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low-valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under-$100 formal imports shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10-percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1,000 to $2,000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	[2]42,916	(X)	11,480	6,294	18,217	2,757	431	732	[2]197,411	(X)	31,616	16,313	111,844	20,725	3,676	3,170
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	[2]16,135	4,932	1,394	6,261	1,705	57	319	(X)	[2]73,229	12,768	5,310	36,763	10,976	569	1,390
Massachusetts	515	312	111	-	370	5	(Z)	2	3,124	2,021	621	-	2,377	72	1	21
Connecticut	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	65	65	54	-	-	-	-	-	460	460	445	-	-	-	-	-
New York	22,077	8,116	2,184	1,068	15,602	1,292	84	622	121,923	41,015	9,377	5,015	94,495	8,079	517	2,337
Philadelphia	140	107	-	(Z)	109	19	-	10	709	508	-	4	581	70	-	49
Maryland	135	132	13	-	79	32	(Z)	1	370	358	7	-	315	37	1	5
Florida	11,030	3,234	5,339	5,039	41	2	(Z)	6	19,593	6,686	8,347	10,507	57	12	8	23
New Orleans	760	137	642	60	1	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,500	393	1,203	188	32	3	-	1
Galveston	554	320	257	33	156	31	3	37	2,531	1,670	809	49	1,092	152	54	319
Laredo	281	234	255	5	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	730	597	684	26	1	3	-	-
Los Angeles	783	321	98	28	323	219	49	6	8,265	2,982	646	193	3,941	2,874	397	93
San Francisco	1,504	763	13	17	156	927	278	4	12,837	5,225	73	114	2,180	7,700	2,522	51
Oregon	25	25	(Z)	-	25	(Z)	-	-	468	437	(Z)	-	438	29	-	-
Washington	373	279	205	(Z)	59	53	1	(Z)	1,423	786	883	2	181	234	38	3
Alaska	31	22	2	-	7	19	-	-	138	71	26	-	53	56	-	-
Hawaii	62	26	19	-	1	24	13	-	673	526	14	-	15	521	115	-
Montana and Idaho	33	33	30	-	-	-	-	-	234	234	225	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	71	71	50	-	-	-	-	-	257	249	214	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	26	26	12	-	4	-	-	8	162	162	35	-	35	-	-	91
Michigan	572	381	224	8	309	3	2	7	1,263	828	150	9	990	19	17	63
Chicago	2,427	628	1,141	2	960	118	1	23	12,180	2,914	6,133	27	4,832	762	4	97
Ohio	337	15	283	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1,096	3	1,003	-	1	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	567	440	481	22	4	-	-	-	700	599	530	114	4	-	-	-
All other Customs districts	111	108	67	10	12	13	(Z)	5	605	503	188	66	225	102	1	19
Special Category[3]	435	340	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,172	4,003	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	15,667	(X)	2,656	2,546	9,151	1,252	25	37	102,443	(X)	10,683	3,846	72,495	11,858	523	825
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	7,795	1,155	1,033	4,694	886	6	21	(X)	47,037	4,904	2,022	30,807	8,785	195	324
Massachusetts	140	95	7	-	129	3	(Z)	(Z)	1,054	793	329	-	642	16	(Z)	6
Connecticut	6	(Z)	(Z)	-	6	(Z)	-	-	19	10	10	-	3	1	-	-
Buffalo	20	15	17	(Z)	3	-	-	(Z)	677	496	527	20	56	-	-	61
New York	9,309	4,848	261	371	8,190	452	3	32	77,496	31,466	4,449	1,625	65,890	3,613	143	741
Philadelphia	27	26	(Z)	(Z)	26	(Z)	1	-	273	199	19	1	179	23	20	-
Maryland	64	64	14	-	47	2	-	-	589	558	6	-	542	15	-	-
Florida	3,211	1,097	1,080	2,088	26	17	(Z)	(Z)	3,836	2,139	1,539	2,024	128	40	(Z)	1
New Orleans	307	206	304	(Z)	2	-	-	-	84	44	66	1	9	-	-	-
Galveston	29	16	21	5	3	(Z)	-	-	139	47	67	19	14	2	-	-
Laredo	121	104	121	(Z)	-	-	-	-	167	148	102	49	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	524	319	51	11	109	348	4	(Z)	4,276	2,210	308	62	1,367	2,201	74	2
San Francisco	335	269	4	1	73	242	14	2	3,442	2,743	90	13	699	2,403	144	13
Oregon	7	6	(Z)	-	2	5	(Z)	-	43	31	3	-	5	24	4	-
Washington	113	47	35	-	23	55	(Z)	-	3,145	2,922	510	-	35	2,445	83	-
Alaska	3	2	(Z)	-	1	2	-	-	105	100	3	-	3	98	-	-
Hawaii	36	21	3	-	-	29	3	-	281	102	4	-	-	186	55	-
Montana and Idaho	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	178	174	174	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	18	14	18	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	-	-	16	6	6	-	-	2	-	-
Michigan	154	125	12	-	140	3	-	-	746	620	47	-	648	14	-	-
Chicago	510	248	76	(Z)	343	89	-	2	5,020	1,908	1,951	2	2,113	738	-	1
Ohio	21	1	15	-	5	1	-	-	202	21	100	-	59	21	-	-
Puerto Rico	707	272	613	69	23	2	-	-	404	188	231	31	88	5	-	-
All other Customs districts	18	9	15	-	2	1	-	-	233	98	124	-	14	10	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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